

Liberal Farmers Association

OF THE BATTLEFORD CONSTITUENCY.

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→ The object of this Association is:—To promote the interests of the Liberal cause in the present election; to secure legislation in the interests of the Grain Growers and farmers, and the people of the West in general.

To secure the election of a Member to represent the Constituency who is pledged to support Reciprocity and all other reforms for the advancement of the interests of the people.

To the Electors:

On the solicitation of a large number of the electors, and having received the nomination from the farmers at the Grain Growers' Convention, I have decided to offer myself as a Liberal Farmers' Candidate for the Battleford constituency.

What purported to be a Liberal Convention for the nomination of a Liberal Candidate, was held at Battleford on August 26th. This Convention was held under the direction of the Saskatchewan Liberal Association. The instructions given by the Association to the Convener were as follows:—Each rural polling sub-division and village should be entitled to one delegate; each incorporated town, two delegates for each poll; rural part of each poll containing village or town, one delegate.

The convener disregarded these instructions and used his own methods, viz:—The polls that had given a strong support for Mr. Champagne at the last election were given one delegate for every twenty Liberal votes polled.

Every scheme was used at this packed convention, and it was an utter impossibility for any candidate but Mr. Champagne to secure the nomination. The convener even refused to read his instructions as received from the Saskatchewan Liberal Association.

The packing of the convention was so apparent that I refused to allow my name to go before the convention, and many of my delegates were refused admittance.

Are you satisfied with the nomination of a candidate who is not the choice of the people, when proxies given by delegates have had the effect of nullifying the votes of delegates present at the convention?

Are you satisfied with the distribution of patronage by Mr. Champagne during the term he represented you in the House of Commons?

I am a farmer and a member of the North Battleford branch of the Grain Growers' Association and my interests are identical with the interests of every farmer in the constituency, and I believe the farmers' interests will be best looked after by a farmer.

I endorse the platform as laid down by the Grain Growers' delegation at Ottawa on December last, and am prepared to help initiate any legislation on those lines.

I am, and always have been a Liberal, and am strongly in favor of Reciprocity and the general policy of the Liberal Party. I am also in favor of a greater measure of Reciprocity, and believe that agricultural implements should be on the free list.

Mr. Champagne was our representative in the House when an Act was passed whereby the Government acquired the branch railways in Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. If he was dissatisfied with the way in which the Companies are handling the branch line construction in the West he should have made an attempt at least to have had the branch lines here included in that Act.

A search in Hansard, the official record of the House of Commons, will show that he has never opened his mouth to advocate the interests of the constituency which he represents. It is to be presumed that a member is elected to represent his constituency and to fight for the rights and in the interests of his constituents in the House whenever opportunity occurs.

I intend to call meetings at different places and meet personally as many of you as I can, but in a district of this size it is impossible to meet all the electors before polling day. I therefore take this means of bringing my candidature before the electors, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence in my behalf on election day.

Notices giving places and dates of meetings to be held will be posted up.

Faithfully Yours,

S. E. McMANUS.

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